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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR PHILIPPINES LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
ILEA-BANGKOK POST BLAST INVESTIGATIONS COURSE

REF: MANILA 2742

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the individuals identified below. These individuals are candidates for an ILEA Bangkok Post Blast Investigations course scheduled from January 12-23, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand.

¶2. (U) Candidates:

PCINSP Rommel D. Villamor
DOB: December 27, 1967
POB: Iligan City, Philippines
Unit: Philippine National Police Regional (PNP) Intelligence
Division, Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao

PSUPT Pedro A. Austria, Jr.
DOB: October 24, 1958
POB: Pangasinan, Philippines
Unit: PNP 1st Regional Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:
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